

## Continuum of Care: Fiscal Workgroup Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CDSS OB8 - Conference Rooms 235/237

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Meeting Title	Date	Time	Location
CCR Fiscal Workgroup	11/21/2013	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	OB8 - Rooms 235/237

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

- To address and confirm key questions related to the rate structure of residential care programs.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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### AGENDA

	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1	Welcome and Introductions	Debra Williams	10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m.
2	<p>Discussion of Residential Care Models for CCR: What are the pros and cons of having one group home rate classification with additional funds from EPSDT, and other county funds to pay for an array of services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If different levels of services are preferred, how could provider programs be organized to provide multiple levels of service within the same program?</li> </ul>	<p>Debra Williams Doug Johnson Bob Stovall Brendon Barnett Aaron Goff</p>	10:10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
3	Lunch		11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
4	<p>Discussion of possible rate structure for community based services: Funding sources include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title IV-E</li> <li>EPSDT</li> <li>County match</li> <li>County funded programs</li> </ul>	Debra Williams	12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
5	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define parental activities for Title IV-E purposes.</li> <li>Request reference material from DHCS around services and supports activities that are not “parental-like” in nature.</li> <li>Look at Title IV-E administration for contracted services or activities.</li> </ul>	Debra Williams	1:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

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## **MEETING MINUTES FROM 11/21/2013**

### **Presentation by DSS staff of a statewide “Base Rate” model**

- Brief overview draft document titled “Residential Care Fiscal Model.”

### **Funding the Living Situation and Levels of Supervision**

- Overview of how a board and care rate could be standardized across all California group homes.
- Discussion of difficulties with having different levels of supervision and tying assessment to levels of supervision.
- Question about whether different “sub-populations” have a need for different intensities in supervision.
- There is a need to identify all residential care activities that qualify as “parental activities” and those that are supported under EPSDT or specialty mental health.
- Discussion of utilizing IV-E admin funding for certain activities.

### **Funding Treatments and Therapies**

- Comment identifying that just because a child has been deemed eligible for EPSDT funding does not necessarily mean that the provider is being guaranteed funds for delivering entitled services.
- Having county-specific criteria causes problems for out-of-county placements.
- DHCS differentiates between the terms “mental health” and “behavioral health” when it comes to actual diagnoses and treatment.
- DHCS indicated that it might be possible to attach a rate to specific living situations (i.e., placement options) for treatment.

### **Funding Services and Supports**

- Is there an opportunity to utilize IV-E funds for services and supports for case management?

### **Identifying Assumptions and Premises of Fiscal Model**

- Assessment has determined that child needs residential care for supervision reasons.
- Residential care fiscal model is for California programs only.
- Majority of children in residential care will be eligible for specialty mental health needs.
- All residential care providers have a contract with county mental health to provide mental health services.

### **Other General Comments**

- Rate methodology documents/proposals should include assumptions and premises guiding the methodology.
- Request for clarification on “supervision” for the purpose of cost sharing. For example, could time spent with a psychiatrist potentially be considered supervision since no other party is supervising the child?
- There’s a need to create career paths within foster care to reduce overturn and improve retention.

### **Parking Lot Questions**

- Will there be technical assistance to providers to get mental health contracts?
- Can one provider deliver services to youth from other programs?
- Is there a need for an out-of-state payment model?

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